

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to improve readability. The amendments are not intended to narrow the scope of the claims. No new matter has been added. In the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Wu (U.S. Patent No. 5,878,878) in view of Lohrman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,115,930). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. To establish prima facie obviousness, the prior art references must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. MPEP 2143. Claim 1 recites a through-hole formed in the hinge portion and extending towards the replacement cover, an engaging body formed within the through hole, and an engageable body on the replacement cover inserted into the through hole to detachably engage the engaging body.

Wu discloses peripheral stepped grooves (11 and 31) that extend horizontally along the peripheral edge of the casing and are formed in a bottom side of an upper casing (10) and in a top side of a lower casing (30), respectively. An upper cover (25) is slightly smaller than the upper casing (10) and is disposed and retained in its stepped groove (11). A lower cover (36) is slightly smaller than the lower casing (30) and is disposed and retained in its stepped groove (31). Disassembly of the case structure is not disclosed and is not a consideration of Wu. Lohrman discloses an ornamental insert (14) with engagement portions (43) that engage a bead (31) on an annular wall (30) of a bottle. The insert is not disclosed to be replaceable. Indeed, the structure of Lohrman would not lead one skilled in the art to determine that the insert (14) is replaceable. No hinge is disclosed

Neither Wu nor Lohman teaches or suggests a replacement cover or a through-hole formed in a hinge portion and extending towards a replacement cover. Because the applied references do not teach or suggest a replacement cover or a through-hole formed in a hinge portion and extending towards a replacement cover, prima facie obviousness has not been established. Thus, the rejection must be withdrawn. Thus, each of the claims in this application

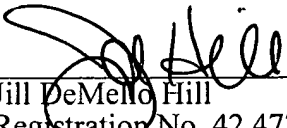
is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant solicits early action in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

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